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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" If the T.U.C.S. want to sell it, of course, they will get it."

Area that will be submerged under the Tungabhadra Project.

* 169 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the area which will be submerged on account of the Tungabhadra Project;

(b) the number of villages and houses and the population affected;

(c) the extent of cultivated and cultivable land which will be submerged;

(d) the terms and extent of compensation proposed to be given;

(e) whether compensation is to be paid on the value at the time of acquisition and will be governed by the provisions in the Land Acquisition Act;

(f) whether complaints have been received objecting to compensation based on 1941 price level and, if so, what the Government propose to do;

(g) whether any plans for the rehabilitation of the people in the submerged area have been formulated and, if so, what they are; and

(h) whether any authority has been set up to promote relief and rehabilitation measures?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) $138\frac{1}{8}$ square miles as detailed below :—

Madras Presidency	..	..	75–9/16 sq. miles.
Hyderabad State	..	..	$57\frac{1}{2}$ sq. miles.
Bombay Presidency	..	..	5–1/16 sq. miles.
	Total	..	138–1/8 sq. miles.

" (b) Villages 25
Houses 5,812
Population 22,638

" (c) The extents of cultivated and cultivable land that will be submerged when the reservoir is full are :—

Wet	..	..	..	2,284 acres.
Dry	..	..	..	35,3[illegible]4 acres.
Garden	..	..	..	379 acres.

" (d) to (f) Compensation was ordered to be given on the basis of the market value of land in 1941 with an increase of 75 per cent over it, excluding the 15 per cent solatium, the same principle being adopted for the valuation of buildings,

trees, etc. The Government directed the Land Acquisition Officer to make an award in the usual manner and pay the extra 75 per cent as an ex-gratia payment separately. The matter is under further consideration as a result of the representations made recently by the Tungabhadra Project Relief Committee.

" (*g*) The Special Chief Engineer has been asked to instruct the Public Works Department staff to align quickly the distributaries on ground so that the scheme of colonization of the ryots of the submergible area may keep pace with the construction of the dam. The Special Officer is being asked to prepare a scheme to rehabilitate the displaced population.

" (*h*) No, the matter will be examined after receipt of the Special Officer's report."

Area covered under the new irrigation proposals from the Cauvery.

* 170 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of land in Salem, Trichinopoly and Coimbatore districts, for which irrigation is proposed to be given newly from the Cauvery;

(*b*) whether the total maximum ayacut for the Cauvery-Mettur Project has not been already fixed, when the project was carried out;

(*c*) whether the supply to the additional extent proposed now will not affect the present supply to the whole delta;

(*d*) what safeguards and guarantees, the Government propose to give to the existing ayacut in the delta, especially in view of the fact that the level of the reservoir goes down at the beginning of the cultivation season in some years, as in 1946; and

(*e*) whether they are not already receiving complaints from the New Delta, that there is not enough supply for irrigation under Grand Anicut Canal system during cultivation season?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) Salem—27,000 acres, half wet and half dry. Trichinopoly—42,000 acres, wet. Coimbatore—18,000 acres, half wet and half dry.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) No; the supply to the additional extent proposed now will not affect the present supply to the whole delta.

" (*d*) The level in the Stanley Reservoir does not go down at the beginning of the irrigation season in all years. However the area of the proposed irrigation in Salem and Coimbatore districts will be restricted according to the conditions of storage in the reservoir at the beginning of the season. In the case of the proposed irrigation in Trichinopoly district supply will be given only if the storage in the reservoir is favourable. In other years the area will raise only a dry crop.

" (*e*) No."